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REMARKS

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1. A railroad tank car, camouflaged as a boxcar by means of a wooden roof fitted on the top as protection against aerial observation, was seen at the Bad Koesen railroad station on 17 October 1950. Several such cars were included in the train. One of the cars was boarded up on all sides. \*

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Comment. The camouflage against aerial observation of railroad tank cars, which are very vulnerable against low-level attacks, was introduced in Germany after 1943 in the form observed by source. It proved very valuable. It is believed that the tank car seen by source dates from World War II, since there is no necessity for the Soviets to resort to such camouflage measures at the present moment. However, their application must be expected in the event of war. For photograph of camouflaged car, see Annex.

1 Annex: 1 Photograph.

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